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SUBJECT: OASGA- VISIT OF SECRETARY OF ARMY

1. DURING CALL OF SECRETARY OF ARMY AND GENERAL ABRAMS ON PRESIDENT PASTRANA TODAY APRIL 3, AFTER DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF COLOMBIA, SECRETARY FROEHLKE ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT CARED TO EXPRESS ANY VIEWS ON OUR RELATIONS. THE PRESIDENT REPLIED BY SAYING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE VERY GOOD AND HE WAS SURE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE SO. HE THEN REFERRED TO THE HEMISPHERE SITUATION AND EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS A CONFRONTATION HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE U. S. AND THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. AT THE IA- ECOSOC MEETING HERE IN BOGOTA AND THE CEPAL MEETING IN QUITO, U. S. STOOD ALONE, TWENTHNATIONS TO ONE, REFUSING TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE BASIC PROBLEMS OF THE HEMISPHERE. HE HOPED THAT THE MEETING STARTING IN WASHINGTON (APRIL 4, OASGA) WOULD BE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE, AT LEAST MAKE A START TOWARD FINDING AREAS OF COMMON AGREEMENT. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER CONFERENCES OR MEETINGS WITH THE U. S. AND IN FACT THERE WOULD

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BE NO PURPOSE IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES MEETING
AMONG THEMSELVES IF AGREEMENTS OR GENERAL
UNDERSTANDINGS COULD NOT BE REACHED WITH THE
U. S. NO COMMENT WAS MADE ON OUR PART EXCEPT TO
EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE OASGA MEETING MIGHT
AT LEAST START THE PROCESS OF A NEW GENERAL
UNDERSTANDING.
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